

## WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW—THINGS THAT INTEREST MAID AND MATRON

## THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR

Ellen Adair Believes That Justice Should Be Tempered With Mercy.

The next door neighbor often proves a very trying quantity. But doubtless an all-wise Providence has placed the same in that position for our purifying and moral uplift. "Surely these things are sent to chasten us," is a truly realistic, if true, and the next door neighbor.

Are not his playful little ways familiar to the most of us? That pleasing sense of humor which impels him to set his dog on the trail of our favorite cat is not among the least of them. He owns a parrot, too, that swears most dreadfully. One wonders vaguely where it learned its incomprehensible repertoire until one hears the next door neighbor trip over something in the back yard. His language bears an odd resemblance to the parrot's then!

Or is he musical? I think that feature is the worst of all. No dim or chastened melody comes through the walls—they are so thin that every discordant note is clearly heard. Yes, it is true—one comes home after a long and weary day, and murmurs to oneself "No place like home." In a very unexpected sense the backdoor observation proves itself most justified. There is no place like home when the next door neighbor playfully carols through the thin partitions.

Many devices have been tried to stop these gentle breathings—but in vain. I frequently have noticed that the truly musical do not perform from morning until night—is it the fact that sounds best like a symphony in mid-air, which uplifts itself, and daily, hourly, loves to do so.

The passing of adulterated notes and muffled curt communications does not improve matters in the very least. We are all familiar with the type of Mr. Jones and Mr. Brown. The latter's dreams are haunted by the noise of choirs and strings emanating from the fifth sinner, Mr. Jones. When Mr. Brown is tired and sleepy, and before him on the morrow is an early morning rising, it is a comfort to be kept from sleep by Mr. Jones.

Impassioned songs. Through thin partitions he is told in a dreadful, quivering tenor that Mr. Jones "has only one idea about the girls and that's to love 'em!"—he "wants to love 'em!"

No wonder the unfortunate Brown feels rattled for the nonce. He sends a brief note in next door, asking his neighbor "in the cause of humanity" to please put the cat out of its pain—and Mr. Jones answers the call to battle like the famous fighter that he is!

Another extraordinary fact is that "next door" children are nearly always fighting with their small neighbors on the other side of the garden fence.

In my childhood days I recollect with a keen feeling of pleasure the delightful feud existing between the "next door" children and ourselves. Our gardens were adjoining, and a very high stone wall lay between. We kept a pail of water always ready, and an old, yet very powerful, garden sprayer, so that the moment a little neighbor's face appeared above the mutual wall a fusillade of water greeted it. The next door children had a long ladder, and when we gave our youthful tennis parties they used to pop a row of little peering heads above the wall and thrust their tongues out at our guests. No doubt it was to them a fascinating habit, but we did not relish it. Yet when that family went off to India they left an aching void behind us. The garden sprayer lay on the gravel walk, alone and rusty—for we had not the heart to turn it on any one else! We felt that it would have been disloyalty to the memory of our old departed enemies.

In the case of the next-door neighbor, I think that justice should be tempered with a little mercy. The quality of mercy is not strained—although existing relationships may be. The gentle droppings of the next door neighbor may be wearing, and unlike the qualities of mercy. But charity should be long-suffering, and bear with patience all his little foibles—up to a certain point, and then, no further!

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## Across the Counter

Unless something happens to stem the tide and happens quickly, black stockings will be found on the shelf and nowhere else.

Greens and blue of alluring beauty, mode, taupe, London smoke, every conceivable shade of gray and brown from the darkest to the lightest, including the natural tones of cream and fawn color, are worn to the almost complete exclusion of the black stocking.

Little thread stockings can be bought now in almost any shade, three pairs for \$1.

A stocking of a little finer weave and a little better quality of little thread is sold for 50 cents. This is in all colors.

The stocking with the silk leg and the little thread sole and heel is priced at \$1 usually, but in the subway stores it can be found for less, sometimes for 50 cents and almost always for 75 cents.

There are pale pink and blues for evening wear and deeper shades for wear by day.

These stockings are as good in appearance as a much more expensive stocking, and they make a very serviceable dance stocking.

A stocking that is very popular for wear with the low shoe, the shot silk stocking, can be bought for \$1 a pair.

It comes in two colors or in red or blue or green, combined with black.

The stocking known as the silk brocade stocking is simply an open-work stocking of an all-over pattern.

The price is \$2 a pair for colors or black or white.

Cloaked silk stockings are sold for \$1.50 a pair that have a cloak of a contrasting color or of black.

The cloak serves two purposes, as a decoration and as a means of giving the appearance of greater slenderness to the ankle.

## Sugar Cookies

Two pounds sugar, one cupful butter, one egg, one cupful clabbered cream, one teaspoonful soda, one teaspoonful vanilla extract, one teaspoonful lemon extract, one teaspoonful baking powder, flour to mix. Mix for cake, beat sugar into the cream until it foams. Roll as soft as possible and sprinkle sugar over the top and bake in very slow oven. If the dough is allowed to stand 15 to 20 minutes before being rolled and the board and rolling pin are well floured they can be handled much softer than would be imagined and a better cookie will result.

## Eggs for Breakfast

There is no better or more perfect breakfast than eggs. At the present time, however, the cost is so high that they may have to be the exception rather than the rule unless you learn to so pad your egg dishes that the man with a hearty appetite will be satisfied with one or at most two eggs at one meal.

For the brain worker a well-cooked fresh egg is of more value than three times its bulk in meat and potatoes. The hard worker may want some halibut beside his eggs, and for him we must build up some attractive dish and add the eggs to give the necessary nourishment.

## Salmon Souffle

Two level tablespoonfuls of butter, two level tablespoonfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful of paprika, one pint of milk, one cup of stale bread crumbs, one pound of cooked salmon, one teaspoonful of onion juice, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley, one teaspoonful of lemon juice, three eggs. Prepare a sauce with the butter, flour, seasoning and milk; add bread crumbs, yolks of eggs well beaten, onion juice, lemon juice, parsley and salmon rubbed fine with a silver fork. Then fold in the whites of eggs, beaten dry. Turn mixture into a buttered baking dish and set this into a dish of hot water. Bake about 35 minutes in a moderate oven.

## Sausages and Tomato

Method—Take three small pork sausages and dip in cold water for a few minutes. Now slip off the skin and form the meat into flat cakes. Fry in a small pan until nicely browned. Pour off the surplus fat and add one-half cupful of left-over tomatoes, a little chopped parsley, and if mixture is too thin a little rolled cracker meal may be added. As soon as hot serve on a heated plate and press small toast points around edge.

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## MODES OF THE HOUR

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The plain suit gives the accessories of dress a greater chance than the brilliant colored costumes of elaborate design. Hat, gloves, shoes and furs, when they too, are worn, stand out against the background of the tailor-made suit.

The suit illustrated today is very simple and very attractive. It is touched by militarism in the matter of frogs and metal buttons, but this is a happy touch for a variety of reasons.

For one it is impossible to have the debonair slouch and the military air at one and the same time. Certainly no one will find fault with the putting to the sword of that remarkable carriage and salt.

For another reason the military costume displays the slender figure to advantage. Again, it has a dash that makes it appropriate for young girls of the difficult age when so much in the way of dress seems either too old or too young.

The belt is a feature of coats of many styles this season. It breaks the line in an effective way here. Without it the coat would look greasy, buttoning as it does, close to the throat.

The skirt acquires a little extra fullness at the bottom by means of the loose-flying plaits at both sides of the skirt. This is an old fashion revived and on very good ground. It preserves the slenderness of the figure as far as the knees, at the same time giving absolute freedom of movement.

The suit pictured is of green dune, but it would be as pleasing in any one of the soft browns or modified blues, while the material might equally well be gabardine or serge.



## Wake up business!

Are you asleep at the telephone—deaf to the call of trade opportunity that rings in the ear of the fellow who has the spunk not to throw up his hands, but to fight it out?

Or are you hustling back and forth along the copper highways of the Bell System, digging up the business that needs all the attention and coaxing you can give it.

Now is the time to start, if you're not already on your way. Make the rounds of the trade by telephone. Show them all that you're the one up-and-doing merchant with whom they ought to do business. The orders are there if you will go after them hard, by Bell Telephone.

This is the time of the year for a vigorous selling-by-telephone campaign. Give it a try and you'll keep it up.



## Advantages of Marrying the Mature Man

The girl who marries a man older than herself is often happier than the crepe hangers foretell. She has the advantage of all those years during which he has gained in understanding, mental balance and experience. An older man is settled in his actions; he is not likely to change. He expects less of a woman than a younger man, because he is not so idealistic. He has ceased to look upon woman as on a pedestal, and he sees her with her feet upon the ground. And, after all, the human attitude is best.

## Women and Wisdom

Don't expect your husband to be an understanding soul-mate. As the farmer said when he first saw the giraffe, "There ain't no such animal."

The little things a woman doesn't tell her husband lead to big misunderstandings.

No human being is worthy of the love of another. If we got our deserts, we would be badly off, indeed.

It is seldom profitable to argue, because the kind of person who loves an argument can't be convinced.

Flattery is the most ignoble of all weapons. Rather lose the favor than employ falsehood on your side.

## Milady's Coiffure

Remember to dress the hair according to the style of the face. If your face is round and stout, don't "crown" the hair. Wear it as plainly about the face as possible. The thin face needs a soft, full coiffure draped loosely about the ears and forehead.

If your forehead is too high or your ears too large, wear an adaptation of the fashionable coiffure. Extremes of all kinds are vulgar, and if the high French roll brings out your less attractive features it would be better not to wear it.

The woman who makes the proper use of any style adapts it to her own personal needs.

## WOMEN OUTSIDE THE HOME

## How One Woman Made Good

A woman never knows how, when and where she may be suddenly thrown upon her own resources. It would be well for every woman if she could learn some business to fit her for independence and the earning of her own living, if such occasion should arise.

In the case of many a happily married woman adversity has come in a single day. She has to turn out at a moment's notice to earn her own living, and often she is incompetent and quite unprepared. Under these circumstances it is very hard for her to make any headway at all.

Not very long ago a woman was suddenly faced with a very grave problem. The doctor told her that her husband was consumptive and must go to the mountains immediately to insure recovery. Falling that, there was but little chance that he would get better. He would require a complete rest and change for a couple of years at the least. The wife was devoted to him, and decided that, happen what might, he must have every chance and every care! This rest among the mountains would necessitate that he give up his business entirely, and she had to face the problem of keeping herself and her young children for the next two years. She had no training for any line of work, no money laid by and the outlook seemed very sad and uncertain. But this woman possessed a very brave and determined spirit and decided that she must work at once.

From one of her husband's friends she had a letter of introduction to one of the partners in a large department store in this city. She went to him and told him of her sudden plight, saying that she was only too anxious to obtain work immediately, and asking him to give her a position in the store.

This partner must have been a discriminating man, for he saw that she had capabilities and decided that he would give her a chance of "making good." He told her that she might act as saleswoman at the silk counter for a week or two, and that at the end of that time he would give her the opportunity of stating all her ideas on the subject of silk.

So this brave little woman, like thousands of other women suddenly thrown on their own resources, set to work with a will. She studied every little thing that she possibly could connect with the buying and the selling of silk goods. In the evening she read up all the information she could lay hands on, she thought

## STOOPING VS. COMMON SENSE

By MRS. CHRISTINE FREDERICK  
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For centuries women have been bending their backs in every piece of work they do. If it was to scrub the floor or pick up a handful of dirt or wash out a shirt-waist, some way, somehow, they had to stoop. And even now hundreds of women in every one of their daily tasks manage to bend their backs like croquet hoops or stoop their entire 130 pounds to the floor to pick up a match.

Instead of this useless, constant and unnecessary waste-motion why not do the simplest thing in the world, viz., put these various tools on a stick or on a handle and lift the article up to you instead of stooping yourself down to the article?

We now have a long handle dust pan; one of the very best is made of steel and with a wire handle. It is to be laid on the floor and the dust brushed into it with a long handle broom. The pan closes automatically, and may then be placed on the left arm so that it can be carried from upstairs to downstairs without spilling the dirt.

Another tool that has at last been put on a handle is our old enemy the scrubbing brush. Any one who will stop to think of the positively disgraceful appearance a woman presents while flat on her abdomen, and prostrate on the floor in the midst of wet suds and surfaces, would surely be willing to put every scrub brush on a stick to stay there forever. To those women who say that the floor cannot be cleaned as thoroughly when standing by using the brush on a handle, let me say that it positively has been proved to be easier done in this more efficient way, and it is only a matter of tradition which

holds so many women to the belief that they must back their entire bodies and bruise their knees in order to make a space 10x12 thoroughly clean.

There are also other kinds of scrub brush and mop combinations which are so arranged that the brush is used on a handle, or removed and replaced by a cloth. It is very much easier, and the work is also done better, when the pressure is applied by one standing than when she is stooping and sprawling like a frog swimming.

Beside the long-handled dust pan and scrub brush, we have many more dusters and brooms on handles for the cleaning of walls, ceilings and ornaments.

While on this subject of stooping we might speak of the low height at which sinks, tables and set tubs are placed. About 30 per cent. of all laundry tubs are set far too low. It is not necessary to stoop over in order to apply the right pressure to work. In fact, the more one stoops the less energy one will have to put into the labor. Raising the set tub and raising the kitchen table will also raise the efficiency of the worker.

Most women go upstairs the wrong way, and bend the back and not the knees. It is necessary to become a camel just by peeling vegetables at a table three inches too low? Why not sit down to wash dishes, iron and make cake? It's only a habit which prevents us.

We understand that a Posture League has just been formed. I apply as a charter member and suggest that all housekeepers become active members, daily striving to follow the highest ideals of posture—erect spine, stooping from the waist, not the shoulders, and avoiding throwing weight on the abdomen.

## French Women and Beauty

The French women were going to wild extremes for the sake of good looks just before the war drew their attention to more serious things.

The frivolous Parisienne, for instance, would have wide-open eyes. For this purpose, the corners of the lids were slit with a lancet every day. Even before they were healed the lids were drawn outward. The results were satisfactory.

The straight, long, upper lip is not a desirable feature. The French lean toward the curling style. To secure this a slit is cut across the lip. Then a minute piece of flesh is cut away. The edges are pressed together and upward, and left to heal. If carefully done, this leaves no scar.

An anesthetic is required for straightening the nose. This, of course, is often given, and not a caprice. The bone often has to be rebroken, then repaired. The pain afterward is intense. This can be avoided by the use of hot paraffin to alter the shape of the nose.

Curiosity is most destructive to happiness. Eve started the fashion thousands of years ago and Eve's daughters have followed it ever since. It is not unusual to hear of the woman who escorts her husband home from his office. She has a perfectly insane curiosity regarding all his actions, so makes a habit of dropping in on him at unexpected moments. She will verify every word or excuse the poor soul says. She will even read his correspondence. This is inexcusable. Any man would justly resent such intrusion, and what a wife's place is a sacred one, an honorable man's private affairs are just as sacred.

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## Good Hint About Beetroot

When a beetroot is bruised, do not throw it away as useless, as it will hold quite well and no color will escape if the bruised part is put on a hot stove for a minute or two, just to form a brown skin over the bruised part.



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